



# CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE December 1, 2012

## **CTE Fall Data Collection Continues**

The fall CTE data collection began on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2012. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators who graduated last year (2011-2012 school year) must be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and have their current post-graduation status identified in the Achievement In Montana (AIM) Infinite Campus data system. Schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE data collection are located on the OPI Secondary CTE web page under 'Data Collections' and located here: [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6). PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted the previous spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than November 15, 2012, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators.

Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or e-mail [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov). Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

## **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

No update at this time.

### **FFA**

It has been a busy two months for Montana FFA. We missed the November update because of the craziness of the National FFA Convention. The National FFA Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-27. It was a wonderful National FFA Convention with a record number of 54,000 FFA members, advisors and guests present. It was also a bittersweet year in Indy, as this was the last year National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis for three years. Next year we will be headed back to Louisville, Kentucky. We are looking forward to being back in Louisville, but of course we will miss the wonderful people and city of Indianapolis. Montana FFA was well represented at National Convention with approximately 500 of our FFA members in attendance. We competed in 29 areas of Career Development Events, Proficiencies and Awards. We were also represented by Cali Christensen, our National Officer Candidate. She did extremely well in her interviews and made it through the Tuesday cut, but unfortunately was not elected at one of the six national officers. We also were proudly represented by Connor Rose of the Shields Valley FFA Chapter. Connor was a National Finalist and then the National Winner of the Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency. Connor was also selected as one of National Proficiency finalists to represent FFA members in Costa Rica as part of the Proficiency Award program.

After everyone arrived home from National FFA Convention it was time to jump right back into things. Advisors started working on Rosters and Chapter Program of Activities. These two things are required by chapters to be in Good Standing with the state so they are able to compete in State level Career Development Events.

Then as November rolled around we got right back to contests, workshops and networking with our John Deere Ag Expo in Billings. JDAE was held November 15-17 in Billings at the Convention Center, Career Center, Rocky Arena and the Metra. Students competed in Career Development Events, listened to guest speakers and



attended leadership workshops. This year at JDAE we held two state CDEs; Floriculture and for the first time in Montana the Food Science CDE.

As November is wrapping up and Christmas is upon us, things will slow down a little bit. The State FFA Officers will begin Chapter Visits, where they will travel around the state visiting local chapters and putting on leadership activities. The officers will also start attending district contests around Montana as winter and spring progress. Also on the plate of the state advisor and the state officers is state convention planning. State convention is in early April, but there is so much to plan that the planning process starts now as Christmas break is almost here. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays from the Montana FFA Association.

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## **Business Education**

Thursday, November 1, over 200 secondary business and marketing education students from 12 high schools attended the ninth annual Montana State University College of Business Entrepreneurship Day hosted by the College of Business on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman.

The day was broken into several segments with College of Business faculty and current students facilitating a group workshop in the morning and a hands-on entrepreneurial design challenge in the afternoon. The session are designed for high school students and transfer students interested in business and the entrepreneurship program at MSU.

In addition to the day's entrepreneurship activities, Sarah Calhoun, owner of Red Ants Pants presented the day's keynote presentation, "Red Ants Pants, More than a Pair of Pants." Calhoun discussed her experiences with pants and how that led to a new business idea and a company based in a rural agriculturally-based town in Montana. She touched upon how to start and run a successful business as well as her business's unique marketing efforts and how her business has expanded to include a non-profit branch in support of women's leadership, working family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

Calhoun grew up on a farm in Connecticut and received her degree in Environmental Studies from Gettysburg College. She opened up shop in 2006 in an old historic saddle shop in White Sulphur Springs and Red Ants Pants are now sold via the Internet all across the country and in other countries including Antarctica.

Schools attending this year's Entrepreneur Day include Augusta, Bozeman, Broadwater (Townsend), Butte, CM Russell, Cascade, Columbus, Laurel, Park High, Shields Valley and Simms.

The MSU College of Business hosts Entrepreneur Day as part of its commitment to enhance entrepreneurial spirit and education in the area, as well as its commitment to improving the economic development of the state.

## **Business Professionals of America**

The month of November marks the time when Montana's secondary Business Professionals of America chapters finalize their membership rosters and beginning preparing for their competitive events and the various regional leadership conferences around the state this fall and winter.



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The Montana association of Business Professionals of America continues to grow and this year Montana BPA is proud to welcome four new chapters: Geyser, Rosebud, Stevensville, and Turner. The addition of these four high schools is evidence of the strength of career and technical education and business education programs within the state of Montana. In total, the Montana association of Business Professionals of America includes 89 high school chapters representing all corners of Big Sky Country.

December kicks off the beginning of the Montana association of Business Professionals of America's competitive season as members attend their region's leadership conference.

Montana BPA's first regional leadership conference will be Region 7 on Monday, December 3 in Baker with Regions 4 and 6 holding their leadership conferences just before the Christmas break. Below are the dates and locations for the eight regional leadership conference

- Region 1: January 14, 2013 in Kalispell at Flathead Community College
- Region 2: January 9, 2013 in Missoula at Missoula College
- Region 3: January 21, 2013 in Great Falls at CM Russell High School
- Region 4: December 17, 2012 in Helena at Helena College
- Region 5: January 7, 2013 in Livingston at Park High School
- Region 6: December 18-19, 2012 in Billings at City College
- Region 7: December 3, 2012 in Baker at Baker High School
- Region 8: January 23, 2013 in Sidney at Sidney High School

### **Montana DECA**

Montana DECA is starting to gear up for the 2013 State Conference, which will be held in Helena, February 3-5. The State Officers are putting their finishing touches on the planning and advisors have received their registration packets.

December 7th is the deadline for the State Conference Program Cover Design contest. Any student can enter their design in a .jpeg format for a chance to win \$50 if they have the winning design. Have students visit with the DECA Advisor in their school for more details!

Montana DECA wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

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### **Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

No update at this time.

### **Montana FCCLA**

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## **Health Sciences Education**

The Health Science program area has been working on a very exciting project to identify and close the curricular gaps in our foundation skills that were determined through the Gap Analysis process last year. Patient care is difficult to master at the high school level, so we have partnered with Monida Health Care to design a traveling health science lab. Monida will provide a technician to travel with a Simulation Manikin to three schools this winter. The manikin is programmed to follow a specific health-related scenario that the students will have to research and determine a diagnosis and treatment plan. Along with the electronic manikin, students will also practice phlebotomy skills, injections, dosage calculations and CPR.

This will also give our high school students a preview of the equipment used in health professions programs across the state.

Career and Technical Common Core has been shared with all health science teachers and we are starting to embed academic common core into our lessons as well.

## **Montana HOSA**



Seven HOSA chapters were selected as Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) grant winners and these chapters attended YRBS technical assistance training on Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena. This year student groups will focus on reducing drug and alcohol abuse in their schools and communities through a variety of projects. Congratulations to Beaverhead Co, Billings, Columbia Falls, Helena, Missoula-Sentinel, Noxon and Ronan HOSA chapters!

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## **Industrial, Trades and Technology Education**

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